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Pete,

I would suggest the following additions to your list of objectives/problems:

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- -- Monitor and project use of FTE ceiling to assist evaluation of the impact of this control system on Agency plans and programs.
- -- Monitor and project trends in separations and accessions to assist appropriate targeting of applicant flow.

## Comment:

Even though FTE is a dirty word, it is still with us and demands quite an analytic effort. I think the proposed wording would be acceptable. The second proposed item becomes a big picture item because the R&P targets last year for EODs and accessions were so much out of line--we reached ceiling with a significant shortfall. Obviously we have to help them develop more realistic targets and are working with them.

Your proposed item on projecting occupational categories in outyears refers, I take it, to the proposed plan to tie in to the Program Plan. As we have learned, the Comptroller can drag his feet on this one but we do have an understanding with \_\_\_\_\_ about the 1984 Program Call, which should be in preparation now. I should check the status of our proposal to be sure \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't dropped the ball.

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